Casual Watchmen of F.C.I.

3859. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Punjab 165 watchmen of the F.C.I. have been working on casual basis since 1978; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not confirming them and denying them wages as paid to others doing the same work?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The number of watchmen working on casual basis since 1978 in Punjab is only four. This number has, however, increased to 184 as on date as a result of augmentation of the strength of casual watchmen by the FCI during 1979—82.

(b) The watchmen engaged by the FCI on casual basis are not the regular employees of the Corporation. They were engaged from the Home Guards Department of the Punjab Government on deputation/loan basis to meet the urgent and temporary requirements of the Corporation. Moreover the question of their regularisation etc. is sub-judice.

Procurement of Food Grains by the State agencies in Punjab

3860 SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of foodgrains procured for the FCI by the state agencies in Punjab during each of the last three years;

(b) what was the quantity moved out of the State during the same period; and

(c) the extent of quantity cuts imposed and quantity rejected?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a)

(Lakh tonnes)

Crop Year	Paddy	Wheat
1984-85	6.63	44.68
1985-86	15.82	39.69
1986-87	9.27	25.07

(b) As per reports received, the total despatches of procured foodgrains from Punjab have been as under:—

(Fig. in lakh tonnes)

Year	Despatches of foodgrains from Punjab
1984	60.2
1985	78.7
1986	103.0
1987 (upto October)	103.1

(c) There are no quantity cuts.

Houses/Plots to Retiring/Retired Government Employees at Chandigarh

3861 SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of housing units/plots offered to retiring/retired Government employees by Union Territroy Administration Chandigarh during each of the last three years; and

(b) what is the number of employees who actually retired from service during the same period and had to vacate Government accommodation?